

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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THE ANNUITY, PENSION, WELFARE and APPRENTICESHIP SKILL IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY FUNDS of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 137, 137A, 137B, 137C & 137R, AFL-CIO, by its TRUSTEES EDWARD KELLY, JEFFREY LOUGHLIN, PETER PATERNO, ROSS PEPE, NICHOLAS SIGNORELLI and NICHOLAS SIGNORELLI, JR., and JOHN and JANE DOE, as Beneficiaries of the ANNUITY, PENSION, WELFARE and APPRENTICESHIP SKILL IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY FUNDS of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 137, 137A, 137B, 137C & 137R, AFL-CIO,

Plaintiffs,

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-against-

D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION, INC.,

ROBINSON

Defendant.

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Plaintiffs, by their attorneys, BRADY McGUIRE & STEINBERG, P.C., for their

Complaint, respectfully allege:

1. This is an action arising under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq. ("ERISA") to recover delinquent contributions owed to employee fringe benefit trust funds.

JURISDICTION

2. The subject matter jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to Sections 502 and 515 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1132 and 1145.

3. Venue is properly laid in the Southern District of New York pursuant to Section 502(e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e)(2), in that, as shown below, the ANNUITY, PENSION, WELFARE and APPRENTICESHIP SKILL IMPROVEMENT & SAFETY FUNDS

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COMPLAINT

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of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 137, 137A, 137B, 137C & 137R, AFL-CIO ("LOCAL 137") are administered in the County of Westchester, State of New York at 1360 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York 10510.

THE PARTIES

4. The LOCAL 137 ANNUITY, PENSION, WELFARE and APPRENTICESHIP SKILL IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY FUNDS (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS") are joint trustee funds established by various trust indentures pursuant to Section 302 of the Labor Management Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 186. The Trustees of the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS maintain the subject plans at offices located at 1360 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York.

5. EDWARD KELLY, PETER PATERNO, ROSS PEPE, SAL SANTAMORENA, NICHOLAS SIGNORELLI and NICHOLAS SIGNORELLI, JR. are Trustees of the LOCAL 137 ANNUITY, PENSION, WELFARE and APPRENTICESHIP SKILL IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY FUNDS and are "fiduciaries" within the meaning of Section 3(21) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21).

6. The LOCAL 137 ANNUITY and PENSION FUNDS are employee pension benefit plans within the meaning of Section 3(2) of the ERISA, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(2), established for the purpose of providing retirement income to employees.

7. The LOCAL 137 WELFARE and APPRENTICESHIP SKILL IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY FUNDS, are employee welfare benefit plans within the meaning of Section 3(1) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(1), established for the purpose of providing medical and other benefits to the employees of contributing employers.

8. JOHN and JANE DOE are beneficiaries of the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS within the meaning of Section 3(8) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(8).

9. The LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS constitute multi-employer/employee benefit plans within the meaning of Sections 3(3) and 3(37) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(3) and (37).

10. Upon information and belief, Defendant, D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION, INC. ("D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION") was and still is a New York corporation, with its principal place of business located at 66 East Forest Trail, Holmes, New York 12563.

11. Upon information and belief, D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION was and still is a foreign corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of New York.

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13. Upon information and belief, Defendant, D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION is an employer within the meaning of Section 3(5) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(5).

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

14. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every paragraph of the Complaint numbered 1 through 13 inclusive, with the same force and effect as though more fully set forth at length herein.

15. At all relevant times, D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of the current collective bargaining agreements between LOCAL 137 and various employer associations as well as the applicable trust agreements and plans establishing the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS as a result of its submission of work cards by D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION'S employee William Finney as well as D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION'S submission of a corporate check in payment of part of its fringe benefit contribution obligation.

16. LOCAL 137 is a labor organization as defined in Section 2 of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. § 152 et seq., having its principal office for the transaction of business at 1360 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York.

17. Upon information and belief, D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION has failed to make the contractually required fringe benefit contributions to the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS for the period of August 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006 in the amount of \$38,367.60. The precise figure cannot be determined because the Defendant may not have filed accurate employment reports for those months in which it was required to make contributions as required by the Remittance Forms, the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements and Section 209 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1059.

18. Despite repeated efforts by the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS to collect the contributions owed, D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION remains delinquent in making the proper contributions.

19. Upon information and belief, D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION has not paid any of the outstanding contributions owed to the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS for this period.

20. As a direct and proximate result of D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION'S defaults, omissions and breaches of the Remittance Forms, the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements, Plaintiffs have sustained damages in the amount of \$38,367.60 and said Plaintiffs have, and will continue to sustain similar and additional damages until all fiduciary fund benefit contributions now due and owing together with accumulated interest, penalties and other allowable statutory expenses, as defined by ERISA and the applicable Trust Agreements, are paid.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

22. The Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every paragraph of the Complaint numbered 1 through 21 inclusive with the same force and effect as though more fully set forth at length herein.

23. Under the terms of ERISA, an employer is required to make payments to the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS based upon an agreed sum or percentage for each employee hour of its hourly payroll worked or wages paid, and to report such employee hours and wages to the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS.

24. Under the terms of the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS' Agreements, State law and ERISA, Plaintiffs are entitled to audit D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION'S books and records.

25. Upon information and belief, Defendant D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION may have underreported the number of employees, the amount of employee hours and wages paid to its employers and the contributions due.

26. Plaintiffs therefore demand and audit of D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION'S books and records.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment on the First Cause of Action as follows:

1. Of Defendant D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION, INC. in the amount of contributions determined to be due and owing to the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS of \$38,367.60, plus any additional monies that may be determined to become justly due and owing to the LOCAL 137 TRUST FUNDS during the pendency of this action and before final judgment, together with:

a. Prejudgment interest, computed at the plan rate or the applicable United States Treasury rate from the date on which the first payment was due on the total amount owed by Defendants, in accordance with Section 502(g)(2)(B) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(B);

b. Penalty interest or liquidated damages in accordance with Section 502(g)(2)(C) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(C);

c. Attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements in accordance with Section 502(g)(2)(C) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(D); and

d. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper in accordance with Section 502(g)(2)(E) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(E).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment on the Second Cause of Action as follows:

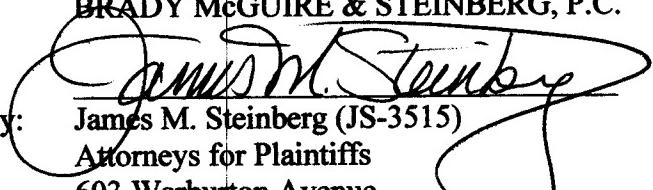
1. An order requiring Defendant D.E.W. CONSTRUCTION, INC. to submit all books and records to Plaintiffs for audit at its cost in accordance with Section 502(g)(2)(E) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(E);
2. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper in accordance with Section 502(g)(2)(E) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(E); and
3. Such other and further as the Court may deem just and proper, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: Hastings-on-Hudson, New York
June 8, 2007

Yours, etc.

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